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Serial No.: 10/006,875

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**For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HEATING
CATALYST FOR START-UP OF A COMPACT
FUEL PROCESSOR**

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Applicants submit patents, publications, and other materials and information which may be material to the examination of the above noted patent application. These items have been listed on PTO FORM 1449 of which there are one pages enclosed herewith in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b). A copy of each listed item is enclosed.

It is requested that the listed items be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application.

Applicants further request that an initialed copy of the enclosed FORM 1449 be entered into the application file wrapper and returned to the applicants with the next communication from the Office in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.



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1. Search Report Issued by the European Patent Office in related pending application.

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Applicants request for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

Applicants' representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 12801.0083.NPUS03.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

In order to promote the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is authorized to contact the undersigned by electronic mail. Please address all e-mail to:
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